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SUMMARY OF DAY'S NEWS.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Forecast: Virginia and North Carolina—Fair, not o warm Tuesday; Wednesday fair; fresh 'est winds.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER

Highest temperature yesterday.... Lowest temperature yesterday.... Meen temperature for March Normal temperature for March Departure from normal temperature Precipitation during past 24 hours..

RICHMOND.

River rises and fifteen fect of water expected here this afternoon—Further details of Sunday morning's fire—Spanish war veterans—Funds for street improvement divided; Marshail Ward anary at the result—Commission merchants bill is practically killed—Bland pipe to be erected on the Speedway—Elks old state the Confederate Fair and girl soldiers to drill to-night—Move to make Passenger and Power Company place its wires underground—Son of Mr. Stephen Putney badly injured at Woodberry Forest School—Arguments in favor of the passage of the Mann liquor bill—Prohibition fisht here predicted—Pool tournament begins—Governor Montague denies remarks attributed to him at banquet in New York—Dr. George Cooper may be called to Philadelphia—Senate V. consider the revenue bill to-day—Corporation measure made the special order for Thursday—Great demand for unimproved lots—A peculiar freak of lighting—Minister well known here to be married—Co-eds boycotted by the young men—Man nearly drowned arrested for reckiess driving—Coming changes in the Methodist Conference—Location of Second Baptist Church decided upon—Rev. Dr. W. V. Tudor likely to retire—Arrangements for the anniversary of John Wesley's birth to be made to-night—Distinguished man to locture at Union Theological Seminary to-night—Legitity of action of the City Council disputed—Eerie of Eagles instituted—Admirable arrangement for lunch at the Locomotive Works—The new Both Ahaba Synagogue—Board of Aldermen meats.
MANCHESTER—Funeral of Mr. Robert Anderson Holl—Little child buried—Much-prized dg; lost—Body of James Foster (colored) found in the river—Marriage of Miss Bragg to-day in Amelia county—Postmaster Beattie receives McKinley certificates—A fruit supper lindary stadition last evening—Mr. E. P. Nunnally receivering.

ree bodies found floating in the river Norfolk are identified—Proparations Norfolk for base-ball—Radford dam ken by high water—Eight-year-old killed near Lyuchburg by his twelve-troid brother, who was handling a pis-Base-ball league, consisting of eensboro. Danville, Lynchburg and anoke, is formed. Deaths—Mirs. 12. Dillon in Salisbury, N. C.; Miss Annieck in Roanoke; Mrs. Margaret Sisson Alexandra: Joseph N. Hundley at atherwood; John Forterfield in Staun-

NORTH CAROLINA.

Drnest Haywood is indicted at Raielgh or the murder of Ludlow Skinner—ircensboro is soon to have a \$100,00 hostial—State Audubon, Society organized t Greensboro and officers elected—Serius damage to mills and farms by high rater—The negro Broadnax to be tried t Reidsville without delay for the mure of Blair—Governor sets April 13th der of Blair—Clovernor sets April 13th as the time of special term—Hatteras people alarmed for fear the 400 foot De Forest wireless telegraphy mast will fall during a storm—Nogro laborer knocked off a lumber train near Weldon by lightning—Safe in Mt. Olive postoffice is dynamited and \$200 stolen.

GENERAL.

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Mrs. Burdick, put through searching inhuiry on witness stand, confesses things that are damaging to her character, but which have thrown it. Demented mother kills her four children, sets fire to her house and cuts her own throat—Advocates of Judge Altone B. Parker are pleased at his reticency about the campaign—Southern's flust mail wrecked and ferman, engineer as me negro tramp kills and the mother of the compromise in the Pair millions, and the plaintiffs are sure of winning their case—Critical stage in flood slutation about Memphis has passed, and the danger is now between that city and the work of the mother than the compromise in the Pair millions, and the plaintiffs are sure of the compromise of the compromise of the compromise of the compromise of the property of the compromise of the compromise of the danger is now between that city and the danger is now between that city and the work of the resignation of President is very high and is still rising. News it was weak and uncertain, and the closing prices were generally the lowest of the compromise of the comp

COUNTRY'S LARGEST MAN DIED YESTERDAY

CRIME OF **FRENZIED** MOTHER

Killed Her Four Children Then Cut Her Throat.

SET FIRE TO HOUSE IN WHICH ALL WERE

Charred Remains All That Was Found of Family.

HAD CRUSHED SKULL OF HER OWN OFFSPRING

Woman Had Previously Shown Sign Discovery of Flames Was Diabolical Tragedy.

STURBRIDGE, MASS., March 23.-A frenzied mother in the little Hamlet of of escape by fastening windows and little children to-day, threw their bodies into a closet, scattered oil over them and herself, and then, after setting all on

It was Mrs. Peter Burke, the wife of committed the fearful deed, and her vic tims were: Lilla, six years; William, five years; Louise, one and one-half years, and May Rost, five months, old respec

That the woman had previously shower signs of mental derangement seems to be admitted, but that it should have taker such a violent form was not even though of by her husband, now completely prostrated, or her own relatives. The family have lived in Fiskdale about a year and a half, coming there from Worcester while Mrs. Burke is a native of New Hampshire, with relatives at Somersweeth. But for the accelerated discovery

baby.

Mrs. Burke must have dragged all the children into the closet and then taker a bottle of kerosene oil, poured it upor their clothing, about the walls and ther

upon herself.

As soon as the fire was discovered in his house Burke was notified and arrived just as the bodies were found. He fainted from the shock. Mrs. Burke was thirty-four years of age. The family friends say the union has always been a happy one.

GENERAL MATOS SAYS HE MAY END THE WAR

(By Associated Press.)
WILLEMSTADT, CURACOA, March
23.—General Matos, the leader of the
Venezuelan revolutionary movement, who

SERIOUS RIOT AT PORT OF SPAIN

Mob Attempts to Burn Government Building and is Fired on by Police.

(Ry Associated Press.)
KINGSTON, ST. VINCENTS, March 23 .- A serious riot was in progress at 2:30 this evening at Port of Spain, Trinidad, according to a dispatch just re ceived from that city. A mob attempted to burn the government buildings there and the police had to fire on the rioters killing or wounding several of them. The British cruiser Pallas, at the time the dispatch left, was landing blue

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, ILL. March 23.—James II.

Mahler, the largest man in Chicago, if not in the United States, is dead. He weighed 481 pounds, although his height was only five feet ten inches. Mr. Mahler was the president of a medical concern and a descendant of a noble German family. He was so broad that he could not use the elevated railways nor the Illinois Central suburban trains because he could not pass through the turnstiles. Only surface cars having double sliding doors could admit him. The riot was due to the refusal on the

is here, sont to-day the following cable-gram to General Ramon Ayala, vice-president of Venezuela and presi-dent of Congress; "General Castro has resigned the presi-dency, condisering that his being in power renders impossible all peace and prosperity in Venezuela, if Congress will accept his abdication, I will promise you to use all my influence with the cam-manders of the revolutionary army to put an immediate end to the war."

DISCUSSED THE RACE FOR AMERICA'S CUP

PHILADELPHIA, March 23.-A confer of P. A. B. Widenor, at Elkins, a sub irb, in which J. Pierpont Morgan was chief figure. The subject under discusion was the international yacht race be sion was the international yacht race between Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock III. and the America's cup depender, Reliance. None of the parties to the conference could be induced to say what happened. It was stated, however, that business was not discussed, that yachting affairs alone occupied the attention of the conference.

INDICTMENT AGAINST DR. KENNEDY DISMISSED

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, March 23.—The indict ment of murder in the first degree gainst Dr. Samuel J. Kennedy, was dis with the murder of Dollin Reynolds, in

FAIR SUIT WILL GO ON

Mrs. Fair's Relatives Will Not Consent to a Compromise.

CAN ESTABLISH CLAIM

Their Attorneys In Paris Are at Work on the Question as to Whether Mr. or Mrs. Fair Died First-Compromise is Ridiculous.

practically out of the question,

not the shadow of a doubt about their to the big estate. Mrs. Nelson, the late Mrs. Fair's mother, who is recovering from a severe illness, says the story of compromise is ridiculous.

Not Believed in Paris.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PARIS, March 23.—The attorneys emnothing of the report from San Francisco that an agreement had been reached. The lawyers do not believe that their clients would accept \$250,000 in settle-

JUDGE WATKINS IS

State Senator Asa D. Watkins has been absent from his seat in the Senate chamabsent from his seat in sealing claim-ber for several days. Many thought he was off attending court somewhere, for he is a lawyer who has a bilg practice. The secret of his absence leaked out last night when he telegraphed a friend that a little stranger—a girl-had arrived at his house, and mother and child were doing well. He said he would be in Rich-mond to-day.

SAD SEQUEL OF A UNIQUE MARRIAGE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch,)
SUFFOLK, VA., March 23.-Mrs. John
D. Abbitt, of Southampton county, died D. Abbitt, of soutchampton county, died to-day in Philadelphia, aged thirty-one years. The deceased, a bride of two months, was married in the Pullman of the fast Seaboard Air Line train between Suffolk and Portsmouth. She was Miss Lizzie Lee Deyer, a daughter of the late Colonel John J. Deyer, of Southampton county.

DR. GEO. COOPER MAY BE CALLED

Said That a Philadelphia Church Has Its Eye on Him.

It is reported here that there is likeli-hood of a call from a large Baptist Church in Philadelphia to the Rey, George Cooper, D. D., pastor of the First Church

Church in Philadelphia Church in this city.

Dr. Cooper went to Philadelphia Sunday to preach for the aforesaid church and it is said that the visit may mean things. His pulpit here was filled by Dr. John Gorden, who is supplying for the Philadelphia Church. Dr. Gorden teaches in the College attached to the great institutional church of which the Rev. Russell Conwell is the pastor,

HE TELLS ALL ABOUT THE FRAUDS

Old Italian Wants to Die Very Soon.

WAS INSURED BUT GOT LITTLE MONEY

Would Not Have Paid for Bunch of Bananas.

TOLD THAT HIS SON **GOT MONEY FROM POLICY**

A Younger Man Was Examined; for Deposition May Not

Arrive in Time.

PITTSBURG, PA., March 23.-Cassimir licehone, the aged Italian who was ar dying condition and may expire before the New York attorneys representing the insurance companies can arrive here to

To-day, through an interpreter, he blamed his son for getting him into the trouble, and told how the fraud scheme

blamed his son for getting him to the trouble, and told how the fraud scheme was worked.

He said he was the keeper of a fruit-stand in New York several years ago, when he was approached by an Italian named Joe Rose, who wanted him to have his life insured, promising to meet all expenses. Cichone signed the application and says he thought no more of the matter "until the detectives came and told me my son said I was dead and buried. The money I received would not pay for a bunch of bananas, I am told my son took the money on my polley." "The manner in which the insurance frauds are worked in New York, I am told, is for a policy to be taken out on the life of an eld man and then a body is obtained from the morgue, which is buried in the name of the live man.

The applicant in many cases is an

office and after examination a certicifat

DÉNIES THAT HE MADE DENIAL OF REPORT

Colonel William Henderson, assistant way, while here to-day requested that a denial be sent tout of the denial attributed to him that Vice-President W. W. Findley is to succeed Samuel Spencer as president of the Southern

WEATHER BUREAU'S DAILY RIVER BULLETIN

(Br Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 23,-Special

iver bulletin: The Mississippi River continues to fall The Mississippi River continues to fall between Cairo and Memphis and to rise below. At Helena, Ark., a stage of 5i feat is expected about Friday of the present week. This will be 0.8 foot below the high water stage of April 4. 1897. No additional breaks have been reported in the levees of the Memphis District, but conditions at Pecan Point, Ark., continue critical. The river at Arkansas City on Monday morning stood at 52.5 feet. A break occurred Sunday in the levee on the west bank of Bayou,

LADRONES CAPTURE TOWN OF SURIGAO

Detachment of Thirty Men is Ordered to Recapture the Place,

(By Associated Press.)

MANUA, March 23.—The town of Surigao, in the northeastern part of the island of Mindanao, was captured yesterday by Ladrones, who killed Constab ularly Inspector Clark and several others A detachment of thirty men belongir to the Tenth Infantry, under the com mand of Lieutenants Patterson and Brown, is hurrying from Illgan, on the northwest coast of Mindanao to Surigao, northwest coast of Mindanao to Surigao, with orders to recapture that place.

Brigadler Summer, commanding the Department of Mindanao, has been ordered to send two additional companies of troops to Surigao. It is understood that the Ladrones are holding the town, but no details of the fight have been received. The fate of the white officials and residents is not known. If they have been captured vigorous measures will be taken to release them.

La., Frouche, fifty-seven miles above Bodaux. La. The crevasse is about twenty-five feet in width, and several plantations were flooded. Stages to-night were as follows: Memphis, 39.5 feet, a fall of 0.2 foot since Sunday night; Vicksburg, 51,1 feet, a rise of 0.6 foot; New Orleans, 20.1 feet, a rise of 0.3 foot. The heavy rains of the past fwo days over the South Atlanta States have also caused rapid rises in the rivers of that district, and flooded warnings have been issued generally from Richmond to Augusta and Atlanta. Warnings have been also is sued for a twenty-five foot stage in the Tennessee River at Knoxville by Tuesday night.

EXPOSITION PRESIDENT WARMLY GREETED

(By Associated Press.)
ST. LOUIS, MO., March 23.—President
David R. Francis, of the Louisana Purhase Exposition Company, who returne

chase Exposition Company, who returned last night from an extended European trip, was tendered a reception on Change, where he received a verifable ovation. The vast hall was crowded with several thousand persons, among them representatives of every commercial body in St., Louis. Addresses were made by President Ballard, of the Merchants' Exchange: Mayor Wells, President Francis and Former Governor E. O. Standard. CROWN PRINCESS AGAIN

LONDON, March 23.—The correspondent of the Dally Chronicle at Geneval learns on reliable authority that the former Crown Princess of Saxony is lying seriously ill in her mother's charcau at Lindau, on an island in Lake Constance, from the effects of an attempt to commit suicide by taking polson.

MANN BILL SEES LIGHT

There Will Be No Open Opposition to it.

MR. ST. CLAIR IS BACK

Says He is in Favor of the Act as Amended-Senate Will Tackle the Revenue Measure To-Day.

It looked last night as Mann bill on the floor said the adopted, no matter what might be sale

Finance Committee, waltzed into the lobby of Murphy's Hotel about 10 o'clock away off in the mountains and his posi-tion in regard to the amended bill was not known. He was telegraphed to. A on horseback rode ten miles in

said the Senator to those who gathered about him.

This settles it, so it would seem.
"I will not buck up against the committee's report," remarked one Senator, "If anybody has got to be blamed one way or the other. I think the committee can bear the burden."

SMALL. CROWD WAS THERE.
Senator Barksdale went to Hallfax to

Senator Barksdale went to Hallax to attend County Court yesterday. He was back last night.
"Plenty of rain, muddy roads and good people about describes the situation," he said, as he walked into the lobby at Murphy's.

RAIDING OF POOL-ROOMS RESUMED IN NEW YORK

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 23,—Inspector McChickey to-day ordered a raid on a pooling of the control of the contr

A RICHMOND BOY VERY BADLY HURT

Stephen Putney, Jr., Injured by a Brick Striking Him on the Head.

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Governor Taft and General Davis are going to Jolo for a conference with the Sultan and leading Moros of Jolo, in the hope of averting trouble. They will leave there Wednesday.

Mrs. Putney left Saturday for Woodhury, and is still with her son. A telegram from her yesterday was to the effect that his condition had not improved; in fact, he was not so well, and in no condition to be brought home at present.

He will, however, he removed

WATER TO BE FIFTEEN FEET HERE

The Rise at Columbia Slow but Steady.

THE EAST END IS CUT OFF EARLY

Car Service Had to Be Suspended at 9:30 o'Clock.

REACH HIGHEST POINT HERE THIS AFTERNOON FAILS TO KILL HERSELF

Due Warning Given, and All Things Perishable Removed from the Low-Lying Section of the City-High Water Reported from Many Points in Various Sections of the Country.

serious freshet in James River, notwith

The river at Columbia at 11 o'clock las prospect of rising very much higher. The there must rise twenty-eight feet before there will be danger of a seriou freshet in Richmond.

at all probable. The rain in the mountains and in the Picamont section has not been anything so heavy as i has been in eastern Virginia. It was clear as far west as Gordonsville yester

There was a tremendous downpour is Richmond and vicinity Saturday night and Sunday. Five inches of water fell here.

here.

No serious trouble occurred on the railroad lines. There were a few slight washouts, but no great damage.

People in the lower districts of the city
yesterday were exercising overy precaution and were moving their goods from
places where it was possible, or probable,
that they might be damaged by an overflow.

WATER RISING SLOWLY. At 11 o'clock last night Capt. Thomas Cunningham, of the city tug, received a telegram from Columbia saying that the vater had reached the height of 21.3 feet

were for not less than fifteen feet of water here by this afternoon, and that the river would continue to rise slowly at Columbia for some little time, as there was much up-country water to come down yet.

As usual Lester Street first feit the effect of the rise. Soon after dark water began to trickle across the road, and by \$20 o'clock the street cars were forced to allow the East End people to get home

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The steamboat wharves will, of course, the submerged to a considerable extent, but by reason of the timely warnings of the Weather Bureau every thing perish-

the has been safety.

By to-night the most of the freshet will probably be over and the river will speedily return to its normal bed.

DR. W. W. LANDRUM TO FISH POR HIS HEALTH

(Special to The Times-Disnatch.)

BRUNSWICK, GA., March 33.—Dr. W.
W. Landrum, pastor of the First Bapitat
Church of Atlanta, was here to-night, on
route to Darien, Ga., for a short fish, His
health is bad and he is away for a rest. will return the last of the week.

SOUTHERN FAST MAIL WRECKED

Engineer, Fireman and a Negro Tramp Killed-Landslide the Cause.

Southern's fast mail between New Orleans and Washington was wrecked at Ayresville, Ga., this morning at 4:30 o'clock Enginer Edward Miller received injuries from which he died this afternoon at 2

afternoon at 5 o'clock as the result of injuries. Quincy Wright, a negro tramp, was found beneath the wreckage this afternoon. The body was terribly mangled. The wreck was due to a landslide, A patrolman had passed the scene of the week only a few minutes before the earth is attending school at Woodbury Forest, near Orange, was quite seriously hurt Priday by a brick striking him on the head.

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Ha will, however, be removed to this city, as soon as he improves sufficiently,

THE WIFE OF VICTIM **TESTIFIES**

Mrs. Burdick Examined by District Attorney.

PENNELL'S LETTERS WERE READ TO HER

Some She Identified: Others She Could Not Remember.

EVADED QUESTIONS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE

Admitted Meeting Pennell Frequently Even After Her Husband Had Taken Her Back on Her Promise to Be a True and Loval Wife-Other Witnesses Were Unimportant.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 23.—Mr. Alice Hull Burdick, widow of Edwin L Burdick underwent a merciless examina tion by District Attorney Coatsworth to-

between Mr. Burdick and his wife, idr from the time he first made love to her in clations were renewed after Burdick her back to his home for the sake of

Mrs. Burdlek was deathly pale on the

swer any questions that would incrimi-

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"Do you recognize it as Pennell's handwriting?"

"Yes," whispered Mrs. Burdick.

"And you recall the incident now?"

"Yes, sir,"

Mrs. Burdick in recalling the incident, confessed that Pennell went into a door way, drew her in, took her in his arm; and kissed her. She thought she remondstrated. She did not remember that Pennell west that he had found her gloves in the pocket of his tuxedo. The letter was handed her. She read it hastily, and did not appear to enjoy its contents. It was written hy Pennell, she said, but she did not remember having seen it before.

Mrs. Burdick was shown another letter from Shelter Island, written in September, 1900, and It was identified by her. She did not recall Fennell's telephoning her from New York, as stated in the letter.

Mrs. Burdick was then questioned at some length relative to the meaning of "1, 2, 3," referred to in a letter from Pennell, in which pe said: "It will meet you at 1, 2, 3 Weinesday morning," but Mrs. Burdick answered that she did not know. There were two or three houses, she said, at which she used to meet him.

ANOTHER LETTER.

Mr. Coatesworth produced another letter postmarked New Haven. September 19, 1900. Mrs. Burdick said she recalled receiving it. Pennell wrote:

"I shall try and comfort myself by telephoning from New York and on Thursady and the said with the said way shall know the exquisite happiness of seeing you." He referred to her "dear my love, life, my dearest one."

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